

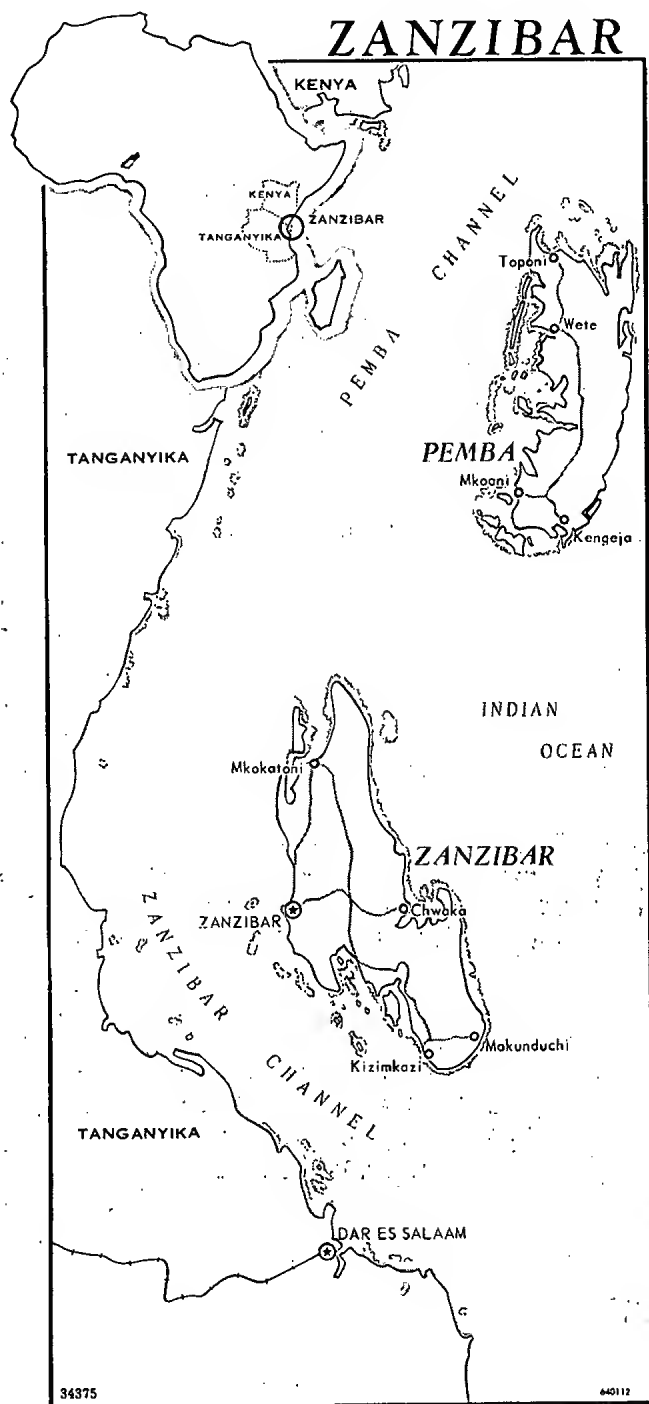
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

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1. Zanzibar: Order is gradually being restored in Zanzibar following Sunday's blitz coup. It was a well-organized effort by pro-Communist extremists, including some 23 toughs of the Peoples' Party (financed by Peiping) [redacted]

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The kingpin of the coup was "Babu" Mohammed who is boss of the Peoples' Party and new foreign and defense minister. The new prime minister is a Moscow-trained Marxist with a Russian wife.

All but two of the 56 Americans on the island have been evacuated. [redacted]

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2. Philippines-Malaysia: [redacted] Macapagal is trying to arrange a meeting with Tunku Rahman "to balance" the recent Macapagal-Sukarno talks.

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[redacted] they might meet in mid-February, perhaps in Bangkok.

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3. France - Atomic tests: French Defense Minister Messmer is currently inspecting the French nuclear test site abuilding in the Pacific [redacted].

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He stopped off in Australia last week where he told newsmen France was determined to carry-out "high altitude atomic and hydrogen bomb" tests in the Pacific, perhaps as early as 1965.

4. Cuba-USSR: Apparently for security reasons, Castro's travel plans are not announced in advance, and his trip to Moscow Monday with returning Soviet Presidium member Podgorny became known only a few hours before his arrival.

The circumstances suggest Castro's decision to accept Khrushchev's off-handed invitation last spring to "come see a Soviet winter sometime" was a sudden one--very possibly, as Ambassador Kohler feels, related to the turn of events in Panama.

Castro would see this as a golden opportunity to urge Cuba's interest in fostering militant revolutions in Latin America.

5. India-Pakistan: The worst communal rioting since 1947 has forced Indian police and army reinforcements to clamp on a strict curfew in Calcutta.

Anti-Moslem riots there came on the heels of anti-Indian demonstrations in East Pakistan in which a number of Hindus lost their lives.

Indian extremists are trying to organize a general strike. Further communal violence seems inevitable as thousands of refugees and expellees move in both directions between India and East Pakistan.

The situation, always explosive, has been emotionally charged by the disappearance two weeks ago of a Moslem religious relic from Srinagar in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

There, for the past ten days, hostile Moslem mobs have been gathering, first to protest the theft and now to protest that the "recovered" relic is an Indian fraud.

6. Cyprus: The Cyprus conference opens tomorrow in London.

The problem of providing guarantees to the Turkish Cypriot minority will be the biggest stumbling bloc confronting the Greek, Turkish, and British foreign ministers and representatives of the two Cypriot factions.

Almost any change in the present setup would mean a reduction in Turkish protection, which neither the Turks nor the Turkish Cypriots will buy.

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The Turks can be expected to insist on partition, perhaps under the guise of some sort of federated state, or even the exchange of populations.

[redacted] tensions remain high and may be aggravated by the conference. In such circumstances, the Turks are likely to intervene and the situation may deteriorate rapidly.

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Meanwhile, Greek Cypriots are using the lull in hostilities to load up on arms [redacted]

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7. France - Communist China: [redacted]

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8. Algeria: Opposition to Ben Bella, never far below the surface, erupted this past week in a series of demonstrations in protest against stagnant economic conditions and unemployment. In Oran, some 50,000 unemployed took to the streets.

Off to the Arab summit in Cairo on Monday, Ben Bella fired a parting shot: he would "break the backs of all the animals who oppose him, using the firing squad as needed."

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Matters in Algeria are being left in the hands of Defense Minister Boumedienne who is usually more bloodthirsty than his boss.

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9. Berlin: West Berlin and East German officials agreed late last week to begin a new round of discussions on passes, with the first meeting probably to take place this Friday.

10. Mexico: [redacted] Lopez Mateos is seriously ill with double pneumonia [redacted]

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[redacted] Mexico has no Vice President, and, should Mateos die, a legislative commission would appoint an interim successor to serve until July's elections. Presidential candidate Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, a moderate, is practically a sure winner.